

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I am asking about the object of the examination—not the various reasons which weighed with the department in suggesting such an examination.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): To appoint suitable candidates for vacant posts.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it is for selecting candidates to various posts that this examination is proposed?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether this examination is intended to apply to new recruits alone or also to those candidates who have already passed the existing Anchal Test Examination?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think it will be applied to the existing hands who passed the Anchal Test Examination.

Assignment of Survey No. 8326 of the Quilon pakuthi.

311. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been ordered that the occupation of 15 cents of land, comprised in S. No. 8326 of the Quilon pakuthi, should be removed, and, if so, the reasons why it was so ordered;

(b) who is the occupant of this land and whether he is a subject of His Highness the Maha Raja or not;

(c) whether it is a fact that Messrs. Harrisons and Crossfield, a European-owned company, have been allowed to occupy an extent of 2.75 acres, comprised in the same Survey Number, touching the fringe of the river;

(d) whether it is a fact that the said occupation of 15 cents is removed from the river by 36 feet; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai, when he was acting as Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, recommended the disposal of the said extent of 15 cents in favour of the occupant?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The encroachment on 15 cents of land, comprised in Survey No. 8326 of the Quilon pakuthi, has been ordered to be removed by Government. The Dewan and the Chief Engineer inspected the site and ordered the removal of the encroachment as its occupation was found to be objectionable on public grounds. Similar encroachments on the banks of the canal have also been ordered to be removed.

(b) The occupant is one Atchyutan Kochuvelumpan and he is a subject of His Highness the Maha Raja.

(c) An extent of 2 acres 13 cents has been ordered on *kuttakapattam* without limit of time to Messrs. Harrisons and Crossfield on the bank of the canal on the southern side of the encroachment in question and the lands touch the fringe of the river.

(d) The encroachment is 30 feet off the edge of the water.

[Mr. P. Visvanatha Aiyar.]

(e) Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai, while he was acting Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, recommended that the 15 cents may be leased on *kuttakapattam* to the occupant.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): From the answer it will be seen that the encroachment found objectionable is 30 feet away from the edge of the river, whereas the site allowed to be occupied on *kuttakapattam* by Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield touches the fringe of the river. May I know why, in view of the statements, the encroachment in question was found objectionable?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was found objectionable by the Dewan Peishkar and the Chief Engineer.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): My question is why in view of these two statements that was found objectionable?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say the reason for that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Does the member realise the distinction made in regard to these two sites? Is it because one is occupied by the company, the encroachment has not been removed?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I shall read the Chief Engineer's report on the matter :

"The analogy between this encroachment and Harrisons and Crosfield's lease adjoining it is not correct. The latter is for the purpose of giving their large and important tile works direct access to the canal which is essential for the very existence of the works, whereas the former constitutes an objectionable small domestic tenement between the true riparian land owner's property and the canal. The latter might very justifiably and strongly object to this interference with his canal frontage."

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): So, am I correct in concluding that the company's site is found unobjectionable because they want to carry on business, and the other site is found objectionable because it is intended for domestic purposes?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is only one of the reasons.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know if there is any other reason?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Is it a fact that it was ordered by Government that a joint inspection of the site has to be made by the Dewan Peishkar and Executive Engineer?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I believe so.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Was any joint inspection made?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer inspected the place alone because he could not meet the Dewan Peishkar.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): So the joint inspection was not made?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government did not think it necessary to have a joint inspection.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): But the member answered me just a while ago that once the Government considered it necessary.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer went to the spot but the Dewan Peishkar was not there.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Did the Government revise their orders in regard to the joint inspection?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was not considered necessary in view of the Chief Engineer's report.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Did the Government consider that the Chief Engineer's report was sufficient?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Dewan Peishkar had already reported on the matter and after the Chief Engineer's report had been received the Government thought that these two reports were sufficient to deal with the matter.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnathur*): May I know whether Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai when he was acting as the Dewan Peishkar of Quilon recommended the lease of the land?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer gives that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): It is seen from the answer to part (c) that Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai recommended the grant of this land to the occupant on *kuttakapattam*.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is also a later report from his immediate successor to the effect that the lease on *kuttakapattam* is objectionable.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): I have not completed my question. Why did Government come to the conclusion that the Chief Engineer's recommendation was sufficient as against the recommendation of the Dewan Peishkar?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was a later report from his successor, Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar, to the effect that the lease on *kuttakapattam* is objectionable.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know whether the Government weighed the grounds alleged both by Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai and Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar? It is seen from the report that Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai recommended the grant of the land whereas it is to be presumed from the member's answer that Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar did not recommend it.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was a later recommendation.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Am I right in concluding that Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai also tried to support his recommendations with reasons?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He might have.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): In view of that recommendation, may I know why there was a subsequent recommendation by Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was after Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai's recommendation that the Government ordered the Chief Engineer and the Dewan Peishkar to make a joint inspection. The Chief Engineer could not meet the Peishkar. So he made the inspection alone. The Peishkar also inspected the place later on. It was on the basis of these three reports that the Government orders were passed.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know the grounds on which Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai made the recommendation? The member read out the Chief Engineer's recommendation; and, with the freedom allowed to me in regard to that, I am asking for the grounds on which Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai recommended.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They have not weighed with the Government.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know the grounds on which Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai made the recommendation? I want to know it because there are two contrary recommendations by two responsible officers.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Quite possible. What is the member's question, please?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): I want to know Mr. P. N. Krishna Pillai's recommendation.

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This is his recommendation:

"On inspection I find that the party has encroached upon the 15 cents of land and made valuable improvements by planting cocoanut trees, by putting up a building and by raising the level of the ground at an approximate cost of Rs. 200. It is also observed that the land on the southern side of the encroached land has been leased out on *kuttakapattam* to Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield, Ltd., and the western portion thereof has been registered in the name of a private individual. The sketch and the other connected records and the Provertikar's report No. 15, dated 8-2-06, are herewith sent. From the sketch it will be seen that the encroachment does not extend up to the brim of the canal whereas the land leased out to Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield, Ltd., extends up to the brim of the canal. I fail to see on what ground the Executive Engineer objected to the lease of the land in question on *kuttakapattam*, especially when there is sufficient width of *poramboke* between the canal and the encroached area. I am therefore of opinion that the encroached area may be leased on *kuttakapattam* to the applicant subject to the condition that the same should be vacated when required to do so, as it will be hard evict the occupant when similar neighbouring encroachments on the same canal have been leased out on *kuttakapattam*."

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): May I know who the registry-holder of the site is?

PRESIDENT: This question has developed into a discussion. It must cease.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): I am asking because it only arises from the answer given by the member.

PRESIDENT: This subject must cease.

Retrenchment of expenditure in the Agricultural Department.

312. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the retrenchments effected in the Agricultural Department and the amount of money saved in that Department?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The following retrenchments were effected in the Department of Agriculture:—

I. Abolition of the following institutions.—

- (1) Agricultural School, Alwaye.
- (2) Sericultural Branch of the Department.
- (3) Demonstration Farm, Eraniel.
- (4) Experimental Farm, Kottarakara.
- (5) Manure Depot, Nagercoil.
- (6) Cattle Farm, Esantimangalam.

II. Appointments abolished as a result of the above and otherwise.

(a) Fruit Farm, Cape Comorin.

- (1) First Grade Agricultural Inspector on Rs. 75-5-100-10-150.
- (2) One peon on Rs. 9-1/6-11.

(b) Manure Depot, Nagercoil.

- (1) Store-keeper on Rs. 20-2/3-30.
- (2) One peon on Rs. 9-1/6-11.

(c) Paddy Farm, Nagercoil.

- (1) One clerk on Rs. 20-2/3-30.
- (2) One Maistry on Rs. 14.

(d) Demonstration Farm, Eraniel.

- (1) One Agricultural Sub-Inspector on Rs. 35-5/2-50.
- (2) One peon on Rs. 9-1/6-11.

(e) Experimental Farm, Kottarakara.

- (1) One Agricultural Sub-Inspector on Rs. 35-5/2-50.
- (2) One peon on Rs. 9-1/6-11.

(f) Sericultural Branch.

- (1) One Sericultural Inspector on Rs. 100 (60-5-100)
- (2) One Do. Sub-Inspector on Rs. 35 (25-2-35)
- (3) One clerk on Rs. 20-2/3-30.
- (4) One Maistry on Rs. 17.